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The man who has no enemies has no following.—Platt

THEY WHO HAVE GONE.

THE path from the cradle to the grave is short. Measured in the light of all time, the life of man is but a flickering flame, a tiny spark, a flash of fire and embers. But that is not all of life. It is the last noteworthy of some lives—of the lives of those who were truly great. For their earthly careers ended not at the grave. They live on. They live through all the time that follows.

The sum total of all the world has today, of all civilization, all knowledge, all love, all happiness, all understanding, all the joys, comforts and pleasures of existence, are the fruits of lives lived before, humans who have gone on, beings who existed, struggled, developed, drove ahead, and left behind them when they entered the tomb a better world, a happier human family, a more desirable existence for their children and their children's children.

That is something to remember this Decoration day when the living strew flowers of memory upon the graves of the dead.

There is no better time to strongly urge upon the living mind to remember—with Ruskin—

"Men cannot benefit those that are with them as they can benefit those that come after them; and of all the pulpits from which human voice is ever sent forth, there is none from which it reaches so far as from the grave."

Voices now are heard from the stilled lips of those who gave themselves that this nation might be a united nation of free men.

The product of their handiwork, a great and free people reaching from ocean to ocean, from Canada's border to the Gulf, this is how the dead of the Civil war speak, and that voice will be heard as long as the United States endures.

So, too, with those who gave of their life in other wars, and so, too, with those heroic figures of space who, at the cost of time and effort and even life itself, pressed a nation forward and upward.

Their deeds speak everlastingly.

The heroes who died on the battlefields of France were not silenced by the German bullets. Nor by the shrouds, nor by the heap of blood-stained earth, nor by the time that has passed by since they fell that the world might be a better place in which to live. Their voices crying for freedom of mankind, freedom from militarism, from war, from hated autocracy, are heard this day, heard here across the wide bosom of the ocean, across thousands of miles of land. They are heard in heated tropic and the frigid polar home of man. They will never be silenced.

On no other day is this thought so ardently impressed upon the living mind as upon this Decoration day, when the grateful benefactors of the heroic dead pay tribute to their memory. Then, indeed, do the living come to a full realization of the voice speaking from the graves Over There, speaking distinctly and earnestly the words of liberty, of civilization's supreme need, of human progress—Freedom, For All, Forever!

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.

IT does a great amount of good to make the kind of an address Dr. Winship made here Friday night to the kind of an audience that usually attends a high school commencement. Dr. Winship might have made a bromidic deliverance upon some erudite topic and all but a small percentage of his auditors would have been charmed, albeit many of them would have had only a hazy idea of what he had talked about. But instead of doing that he talked

about such matters as are calculated to make those who heard him think. That is, it will make all of them think who retain enough intellectual energy to perform that function. And he talked in such a plain way that no one could misunderstand what he was driving at. It was therefore, more than a conventional commencement address; it was a genuine public service, and it is to be regretted that the First Methodist church was not large enough to admit all who desired to attend the commencement.

Right now the American public is in need of the advice and instruction of men of wide learning and ripe intelligence who realize that nations are like the tiniest and most primitive plants in that they must go forward if they would avoid decay and dissolution. Nothing can stand still in this world, and while the experience of the past is valuable as a guide, the future is the thing that we conjure with if we would succeed. We cannot solve the problems of an aeroplane age with the methods that were good enough in the day of stage coaches, but there are plenty of people who think we can. It helps to tell them every once in a while they are wrong. It specially helps right now to tell the American people that America, big as it is, is but a part of the world and that it must do its share of the world's work and shoulder its part of the responsibilities.

THAT BONUS BILL

A VERY large proportion of the public has been under the impression all along that the house was playing politics with the service men's bonus bill, but the way in which the measure was jammed through that body on Saturday will have a tendency to make the country wake up with a jolt.

If there had been a feeling that the movement was a really serious one at the time more attention would have been paid by the country at large to the plan by which it is proposed to raise the millions which the bill appropriates. In quarters best qualified to pass judgment upon such matters all of the schemes for this purpose that have been advanced so far have been denounced as unsound and decidedly unsatisfactory. Making due allowance for the fact that there never was a tax proposed that some one did not find fault with it, it is probably true that a sufficient amount of study and investigation has not been given to this feature of the bonus.

But with the showing in the house before them the people will be quite justified in assuming that there is danger of railroadng the project through the senate in the same way in which it was put through the house. Senators are elected by popular vote and one-third of those who are now called upon to act upon this bonus matter are directly and vitally interested in the way the ballots fall in November. The best hope that the bonus will not be jammed through lies in the prospect that the leaders of the American Legion will realize the danger to the moral position of their organization which would be involved in any project so ill conceived in its fundamentals that in time it would come to be recognized by the whole country as a sordid raid upon the treasury made possible by playing upon the fears of a congress about to go to the people in a general election.

The country wants to do the right thing by the service men. It is especially anxious to be liberal with those who really came out of the war the worse for their service. America has always set new standards in the matter of compensations of this kind. But treasury raids never were tolerated and they will not be now. The proponents of this bonus business had better make sure they are right before going ahead.

One cannot help feeling after reading the cabled reports of the Memorial Day exercises in France that the French people entertain a deep and lasting affection for the people of this country, and that added to the traditional friendship which has always existed in this country toward the French is a force making for peace which no amount of blundering on the part of statesmen can destroy.

A sixteen year old son of that rich Mrs. Leeds, who recently married a prince of the Greek royal family, ran into a taxi in London the other day while operating a high powered automobile and promptly lost his license for six months because the authorities decided that a fine would not mean anything to him. Pennsylvania, and perhaps other states, have provisions in their auto licensing laws which make it possible for the authorities to lift a license if the licensee does not know how to behave himself, but there would be better road manners all around if this London example were generally followed.

Women over in New York the other day bought a cocoanut in which she found instead of the expected "milk" more than a pint of good red whiskey. News of her discovery spread rapidly and the revenue officers are said to have begun an investigation to determine whether or not there is smuggling of liquor from Central and South America. But why seek the source so far afield? Some observant importer of cocoanuts carrying an uncomfortably large stock may have "spiked" a few of them in the expectation that it would start a demand for his wares. They do say that the recent overall movement was the work of a shrewd man who was anxious to boom the sales of an overall factory.

Considering the pleasant weather the country had yesterday there was a gratifyingly small number of serious automobile accidents. There are so many cars on the roads these days that even the most careless drivers are having to learn a little caution.

year's food products will be very short. The winter wheat crop is 25 per cent short of last year's yield and the rye crop shows, by present indications, about the same decline. Other crops will be short, for the labor is not available for the cultivation of as much land as was formerly given to food products.

We have ignored the farmer's need. We have yielded to the demands of industrial workers for an eight hour day and given them steadily advanced wages, and we have told the farm laborers that by quitting his job and coming to the city he can cut his hours of labor in half and at least double the amount of wages received.

Does anybody suppose that the farm laborer under these circumstances is going to stay on the farm? Can anyone imagine that the farmer boy will continue to work with the drudgery of farm life from daybreak to dark when, by leaving the farm, he can get twice as much pay for half the hours of work, and then have all the allurements of city life, which appeal so mightily to the young?

And then, when one talks about an embargo on shipments of foodstuffs, does he realize that the farmer will have something to say on that subject and will demand his rights so that no embargo shall be placed on his product unless an embargo also be placed on cotton and iron and steel and lumber and everything that we are now exporting? What is sauce for the goose will be equally as good sauce for the gander.

He who talks about an embargo on the shipment of farm products in order to reduce the cost of foodstuffs for the American people is only arguing in favor of a famine of food which would stagger the nation. Let us face the facts squarely and honestly.

For many years, due to the trend of the population from the farm to the city, there has been in evidence a decline in the per capita production of food, and the end is not yet in sight. We are facing a very dangerous food situation, and the best brains of the nation should be concentrated upon the development of agriculture that it may be made as prosperous as merchandising and manufacturing in the city, so that the farm laborer may get as high wages as the city laborer, relative to the cost of living, or otherwise we soon will reach a point when we shall have to search the world for food to add to our own scanty production. And yet we have a soil which in extent and fertility ought to be able to feed five times our present population, but it will not feed our existing population unless the country soon comes to a realization of the whole situation and ceases to fight a profitable price for the farmer, and on the contrary, does, all in its power to make farming profitable, to lessen the burden of farm life, to add to the comforts of the farm, and in that way help to turn the tide back from the city to the country. In that is our only safe-ty.

CIRCULARIZING THE VOTERS.

From the Pittsburgh Dispatch.
General Wood is still dubious about whether the Presidential primary is worth while—to say nothing of being worth the money that has been, according to the testimony before the investigating senators, dumped into it. Speaking at Boston he said "the question is, is it better than the old system where no one ever knew just how much money was spent, where it was circulated through underground channels? Is it better than a system of state conventions or a system of bosses? (Does the primary have abolished bosses?) But as he says "getting down to brass tacks, if a candidate circularizes the voters it is very easy to sit down with pencil and paper and figure out that a well-written letter on good stationery, even without a photograph, envelope and stamp, will cost a nickel a voter and with 17,000,000 male voters and enough women to make the total 30,000,000, there is a million and a half dollars right there."

But is that the way campaign managers figure? Hardly. They, more experienced than the General, know that a million and a half for circularizing the voters (even without photographs), would be money thrown away. It sounds too much like a "sucker list," this notion of mailing a circular to every voter in the country and expecting delegates. Political

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campaigning is not so easy as the General imagines. Any ward leader could tell him that the first thing is an organization, the next or simultaneous thing is publicity, in other words advertising, and that means publicity where people will see it, read it and absorb it, not chuck it in the waste-basket. But, above all that, a presidential candidate to win and hold public attention and get votes must be able to deliver the goods. And the ability to spend a million and a half may not be accompanied by that qualification, while the man who has it may not have anything like a million and a half to circularize anybody and will not need to.

Periodically we are expected to be shocked at revelations of campaign funds in Presidential years but happily no one has yet been able to buy the presidency, largely for the reason mentioned, that the thing that counts in a candidate is his standing with the people which cannot be manufactured by any process of circularizing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ORPHANS RIGHT AT HAND.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., May 31.—(Editor The West Virginian.)—When I saw the twenty homeless kiddies now in charge of the Salvation Army on their tour of church and Sunday schools yesterday the thought struck me that it was foolish for Fairmont societies and organizations to "adopt" orphans in Paris or Armenia when there were so many here at home. And the nice part of "adopting" homeless children here is that one can keep track of them, talk to them, mark them (on their clothes). It would easily be possible for an "orphan" in Paris to be "adopted" by half a dozen different organizations, or a hundred of them. The letter written to one might be duplicated to the others. Here a society could have an orphan for its onliest own. S. F.

What People Say and Some Side Remarks

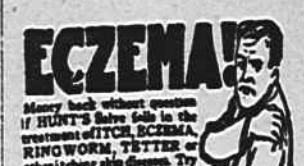
Mayor W. W. Conaway is one of those who opposes the naming of a committee to supervise the work of the Salvation Army in Fairmont. He says:

"I have seen the work of 'committees.' I am getting to think that a 'committee' means nothing more than lack of accomplishment of purpose. Other objections to a 'committee' developed one, which may give an idea of what has been the matter with some movements in Fairmont. One man said: 'A committee' in Fairmont is generally made up of people representing such widely different interests that they cannot work in harmony."



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anything else in this paper, turn to the full page important medical announcement. You can't miss it.

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Mountain City Drug Co.
Hall Drug Co.

In Mongolia the eldest son of each family must be a monk or lama, both of which are in the nature of public charges.



Don't fail to read the important medical announcement appearing on a full page in this paper. Read it first.

HAVE YOU A FRIENDLY BANK HOME?

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Have you been uncertain as to what bank would afford the best service and make you feel perfectly at home?

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THE PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK
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Smocks and Middies
Beautiful Silk Skirts
Smart Summer Sweaters

Truthful Advertising Courtneys' Store Dependable Merchandise



RUFF STUFF

The Charleston young man who supplies the Astonisher with political gossip once a week was of the opinion Sunday before last that Senator Sutherland would receive "a good complimentary vote."

Yesterday he cited "three or four" reasons accounting for the "heavy" vote received by Senator Sutherland as compared with the vote given General Leonard Wood.

But these reasons do not explain why the aforesaid young man was so completely wrong in his original guess.

Every one of 'em existed before the election just as plainly as they existed after it.

Truth of the matter is that the young man was not writing political news.

He was writing political guff and trying to distort the facts so as to influence the result of the campaign.

For the same reason the Democratic newspapers just now are weeping like the willow and mourning like a dove over the sad fate of Sam Montgomery.

They are so shallow pated as to imagine that anything that will raise a vote for the Republican party will be good for the Democratic party.

But they forget that taking the Lit-
terary vote and the small army that

jumped the reservation to vote for Montgomery into account it is plain that pretty nearly all the radicalism in this state wears the Democratic label.

And if it gets a good start it practically will wipe the Democratic party out of existence in this state.

Speaking of politics.

Which, of course, no one is just now.

It is interesting to observe how the suffrage issue worked out in the primaries.

Prinistance—

The bright young Napoleon of politics who insisted upon mixing up the suffrage issue with the Republican contest for the gubernatorial nomination seems to have landed on the junk heap with a great splatter.

While the folks who were sure the interest Houston Young took in the suffrage side of the special session row would kill him politically seem to have another guess coming.

In these days these is danger in being too darned polite.

In politics as in love the guy with dash frequently runs off with the prize which all the rules of the game say belong to the other fellow.

And no man yet won a campaign with strategy built upon election statistics four years old.

Since the primaries the Astonisher has discovered a "Republican ring."

Does that show journalistic enter-
prise, or just a change of heart?

Not very long since the poor old Astonisher was quite sure that Harry Shaw was about all there was of the whole Republican party in this county.

Maybe H. S. is the Ring the Astonisher refers to.

In which event there are two courses that may be pursued.

A congressional investigation to discover why the Ring could not manage the primary so that the results pleased all hands—including the editor of the Astonisher.

Or candidates who feel that they have been treated badly can call around at the Devery building and take personal satisfaction out of the hide of the Ring.

Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

FOOD DANGERS AHEAD.

From the Manufacturers Record—
In Washington some people have been suggesting that, in order to reduce the cost of foodstuffs, an embargo be placed on exportation of grain and meats. Do these people realize that the moment the price of farm products is driven down below the cost of production the farmer will steadily decrease his cultivated acreage and hasten the day when a food famine, greater than the public has any conception of, will be upon us? It is absolutely certain that this